

STATE FOSTER CARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee consists of one foster parent and one Children's Division employee from each administrative area with the exception of St. Louis City, St. Louis County and Kansas City, which have two foster parent representatives and two Children's Division employees each. The committee also includes honorary members. These honorary members include a representative from the Office of the Child Advocate, one representative each from the Missouri Foster Care and Adoption Association and from the Foster and Adoptive Care Coalition, and two representatives from the Midwest Foster Care and Adoption Association. This group meets quarterly to address concerns and provide recommendations on how the foster care program is administered locally. This group also advocates for change within the system to make it more responsive to the needs of foster children and their resource families.